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SUBJ: TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER -- INTERNATIONAL  
WHALING COMMISSION

REF PANAMA 3384 STATE 118882

1. TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY I RAISED MATTER  
OF UPCOMING MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION  
IN LONDON JUNE 24-28. I NOTED THAT U S WOULD AGAIN  
SUPPORT A 10-YEAR GLOBAL MORATORIUM ON ALL COMMERCIAL  
WHALING. I UNDERLINED THE SEVERE DEPLETION OF WHALES  
CAUSED BY MASSIVE COMMERCIAL FISHING IN THE PACIFIC AND  
ANTARCTIC. I SAID OUR GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE AND  
APPRECIATIVE OF PANAMA'S INTEREST IN THIS PROBLEM AND  
RELATED MATTERS OF CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY IN THE OCEANS.

2. I RECALLED THAT PANAMA HAD SUPPORTED US ON PROPOSED  
MORATORIUM LAST YEAR EVEN THOUGH MEASURE WAS DEFEATED.  
I HOPED WE COULD COUNT ON SIMILAR SUPPORT IN UPCOMING MEETINGS.

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3. TACK ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD INSTRUCT HIS

DELEGATION TO SUPPORT U S POSITION ON THIS MATTER. I NOTED THAT MEASURE MIGHT BE DEFEATED AGAIN, SINCE IT REQUIRED THREE-FOURTHS VOTE, BUT WE HOPED IT WOULD NOT. IF IT DID, WE MIGHT THEN PROPOSE SOME FORM OF MORE LIMITED MORATORIUM--ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS FIN WHALES. TACK SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT HIS DELEGATION TO SUPPORT ANY SUCH MEASURE AS WELL.

4. I APOLOGIZED FOR FACT THAT U S DELEGATION HAD NOT BEEN ABLE VISIT PANAMA BEFORE UPCOMING MEETING. BUT I SAID OUR PEOPLE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH PANAMANIAN DELEGATION IN LONDON BEFORE THE OPENING SESSION. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD TELL HIS DELEGATION TO COOPERATE WITH US. IT IS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT OUR DELEGATION IN LONDON CONTACT PANAMANIAN AND CONSULT THEM IN ADVANCE OF SESSIONS. THEY CAN DRAW ON ABOVE AS NEEDED IN THIS PROCESS.

5. I LEFT LENGTHY AIDE MEMOIRE WITH MINISTER GIVING BACKGROUND OF ISSUE AND OUTLINING U S POSITION. AM CONFIDENT HE WILL BE PASSING THIS TO PANAMA'S DELEGATION TO LONDON CONFERENCE.  
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